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In the news

Olympic pros come to MSG

Olympic-level athletes will be at Madison Square Garden this Saturday for the USA Track and Field games. It is the 99th year that track and field games have been held at the Garden. Athletes include Asafa Powell, a Jamaican sprinting record holder, who will face off against American Olympic gold medalist Justin Gatlin. Other runners include Americans Lolo Jones, Bernard Lagat and David Oliver. **● METRO**

In the news



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Kelly regrets role in film

► Commissioner regrets involvement in polarizing video ► First said footage of him was from other interviews, but now reveals he was interviewed specifically for 'The Third Jihad'

The pressure is mounting on NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly because of a controversial anti-Islam documentary shown to new NYPD hires, which Kelly said yesterday he regrets participating in.

Interviews with Kelly appear in "The Third Jihad: Radical Islam's Vision for America," the narrator of which is quoted in the film saying Muslims want to "infiltrate and dominate America."

Kelly first said he was never interviewed specifically for the film and the interviews of him were culled from elsewhere.

But Kelly's spokesman Paul Browne revised that earlier statement, saying he was approached in 2007 by Erik Werth, a reporter and former policy adviser under President Bill Clinton, to interview Kelly about "foiled terrorist plots and the current threat matrix" for a video Werth was making



► NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly was welcomed at the Al-Khooi Islamic Center in Queens earlier this month. But some Muslim groups are now demanding he resign.

for cable TV.

Yesterday, Browne said the commissioner finds the finished product "objectionable" and regrets taking part. It was

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FORDHAM POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR CHRISTINA GREER

revealed Monday that nearly 1,500 officers were exposed to the provocative film.

On Tuesday, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a longtime Kelly ally, said that in showing the film, "Somebody exercised some terrible judgment."

Fordham professor Christina Greer said the calls for Kelly's resignation might not be far-fetched, coming on the heels of criticism for Muslim surveillance policies.

"I think lying always makes the cry for resignation a little bit louder," she said. "Any time you lie to the public and get caught in a lie, I think you should be concerned."

And the commissioner might have bruised that key mayoral alliance, she said.

"Bloomberg has to worry about his own legacy," she said. "This is not something that he wants to be remembered by." **REUTERS/METRO**

Scandal timeline

► **January 2011:** Tom Robbins at "The Village Voice" reports that NYPD officers were watching "The Third Jihad" during counterterrorism training. NYPD spokesman Paul Browne first told Robbins cops never saw the movie, but later admitted it was shown "a couple of

times." "It was reviewed and found to be inappropriate," Browne said. He also said the footage of Kelly was lifted from old interviews.

► **Monday:** The New York Times reveals that nearly 1,500 NYPD officers actually saw the film. NYPD documents showed the video was played on a continuous loop until an officer complained.

► **Tuesday:** After the film's pro-

ducer contacts The New York Times and provides proof that they interviewed the police commissioner, Kelly admits that he participated in the film. Browne says he actually encouraged the March 2007 interview.

► **Wednesday:** Browne said Kelly considers the finished film "objectionable" and now regrets taking part, according to Reuters. **● METRO/AB**

Calls to resign not slowing

NEW YORK. The top cop's newfound regret is not enough for local Muslim groups. The Council on American-Islamic Relations continued to call for Kelly's resignation yesterday.

"For them to be caught

in a lie about a role in producing this film is just so unbelievable that the Muslim community will settle for nothing less than the resignation of both Commissioner Ray Kelly and Deputy Commissioner Paul Browne," CAIR spokesman Cyrus McGoldrick told Metro yesterday. **● METRO/AB**

Mrs. Paul McCartney resigns from MTA Board

NEW YORK. Nancy Shevell, wife of former Beatle Paul McCartney, stepped down from her post on the MTA board yesterday morning.

"In my 30-year professional career, this has been the highlight for me," Shevell said of her years on the MTA board. "I am so very emotional and sad right now."

Shevell, who married McCartney last year, has served on the MTA board for 10 years. While most board members wished her well, members of the Transit Workers' Union cheered her depart-



ture. Shevell, 51, who is also an executive with her family's New Jersey trucking company, was often seen as a detached, anti-labor presence.

"Local 100 is happy that the long and winding road is taking Nancy Shevell away from New York City Transit," quipped union head John Samuelson. **● METRO/EAE**

Model wants \$5M from De La Hoya

NEW YORK. A Playboy model said yesterday she feared she would die while trapped in a hotel room with former boxing champ Oscar De La Hoya last March. Angelica Cecilia, 25, in a lawsuit filed in state Supreme Court in Manhattan, accused De La Hoya of dressing in women's underwear while trying to force her to engage in "disgusting" sexual acts. **REUTERS**

Photoshopped amputee ad in DOH controversy

NEW YORK. An anti-soda advertisement released last week from the Department of Health is stirring up quite the controversy. The ad informs viewers that drinking too many sugary sodas can cause Type 2 diabetes and shows a man who had his leg amputated.

But The New York Times published the original image yesterday, showing that the missing leg was the result of Photoshop, not soda. The model who posed for the photo still has both legs. Critics are crying foul that the adver-



tisement is misleading, but the Department of Health is sticking by their ad and image choice. "We might stop using actors in our ads if the food industry stops using actors in theirs," a statement read. **● METRO/EAE**

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Christian Louboutin in court to defend 'soul' of shoe biz

NEW YORK. Renowned fashion designer Christian Louboutin was in Manhattan court Tuesday, fighting to protect what

his says is his signature style of red-soled shoes.

Louboutin is trying to block rival designer Yves Saint Laurent from selling shoes that sport a similar sole, arguing that the particular color and placement on a shoe is his design and his alone. A Manhattan judge turned down Louboutin's claim in August, saying that a color can't be trademarked, but he is appealing the ruling.

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Alleged Plaza Hotel rape victim testifies in tears

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A woman who says she was raped by a man who is part of a Saudi prince's entourage broke down in tears as she described the alleged attack in court yesterday.

In a trial that began Monday in Manhattan's State Supreme Court, Mustapha Ouanes, 60, is accused of raping the then-26-year-old woman, a bartender. Prosecutors say that after the two met at a West Village bar in January 2010, Ouanes invited the woman and her friend back to his Plaza suite for breakfast.

There, prosecutors say, the women passed out. The woman who testified yesterday said she awoke to Ouanes having sex with her. She felt "dizzy," she said.

She also said she remembered a strange, brown film on the orange juice she had been drinking just before falling asleep.

Defense lawyers say that any possible encounter was consensual and that the women made up the claim after he refused to pay them for sex.

One defense attorney, Aaron Mysliwiec, questioned

Who is Mustapha

Ouanes?

Ouanes' defense lawyers and his accuser are painting very different character portraits of him.

Ouanes is an engineer born in Algeria. He is now a Canadian citizen and works for a construction company employed by the Saudi royal family. He spends about half his time assisting an unnamed Saudi prince, his attorneys said. His wife has been at the trial, which will continue all this week.

the alleged victim yesterday about what happened after she left the Plaza. The woman said she could not remember exactly what she told nurses and police at the hospital, where she reported the alleged rape.

After more questioning, she finally broke down in tears, as a judge handed her a tissue. "I just was a mess at that point," she said. "I couldn't take it anymore, just the questions, the whole next morning. It was the worst experience of my life. ... I was trying to forget everything."



Sports. Predictions.



► Kiani, seen here at the Bronx Zoo, predicted a rough game for New England.

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Just because he lives in the Bronx doesn't mean he's biased! Kiani, a 630-pound male California sea lion at the Bronx Zoo, forecasted yesterday which team will win Super Bowl XLV. When asked for his prediction, Kiani promptly shook his head in favor of a New York Giants victory. ● METRO/CB

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Look beyond a handsome jawline or a flirty pair of eyes. If you're hoping to make a love connection in New York City, your potential mate's neighborhood could be an important factor in your hunt to find "The One."

Popular dating site OKCupid released some data that might make you reconsider your refusal to date anyone from Queens or even call someone who lives above 145th Street. The OKCupid figures, as reported by The Village Voice, rate the compatibility of its users based on their neighborhoods. A high compatibility score, such as 46, means residents in the neighborhoods are a match, whereas a low score, like 14, means love is better off found elsewhere.

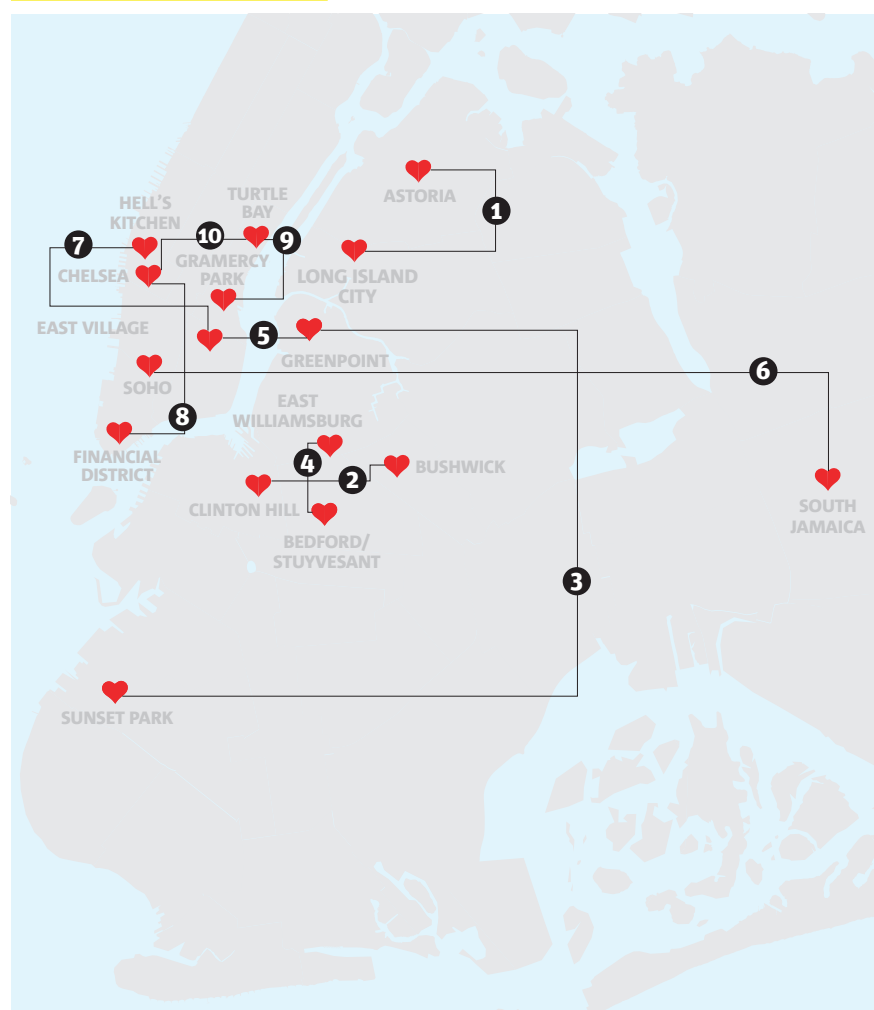
Turns out true love could be as close as a ride on the G train. People from Greenpoint and Bed-Stuy get on quite well, with a compatibility rating of 46.09. Greenpointers get along with just about everyone, but specifically those who live in Prospect Heights, Clinton Hill, Astoria, Bushwick, and Park Slope. Canoodling close behind is Bed-Stuy and Prospect Heights with a compatibility score of 41.57.

Who is least compatible? Turtle Bay. Particularly, Turtle Bay and Chelsea just cannot see eye to eye, with a rate of 14.41. Can you imagine that first date? Awkward.



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Love by neighborhood



Compatibility scores

We can all assume a woman from the Upper East Side and a man from Bushwick wouldn't exactly hit it off, but now OKCupid makes it official: Certain New York City neighborhoods just aren't naturally compatible. Perhaps not surprisingly, people in Bed-Stuy and Greenpoint are the most

compatible, while Turtle Bay and Chelsea-ites have the least in common. (Actually Turtle Bay residents are the least compatible with everyone ... in the entire city.) Here are the neighborhoods best suited for love matches, and the worst, according to OKCupid:

SOME OF THE MOST COMPATIBLE MATCHES

- 1. Astoria, Long Island City: 37.73 match rating
- 2. Bushwick, Clinton Hill: 37.60
- 3. Greenpoint, Sunset Park: 37.34
- 4. East Williamsburg, Bedford-Stuyvesant: 36.80
- 5. Greenpoint, The East Village: 36.45

SOME OF OKCUPID'S LEAST COMPATIBLE MATCHES

- 6. South Jamaica, SoHo: 22.57
- 7. The East Village, Hell's Kitchen: 22.49
- 8. Chelsea, The Financial District: 17.83
- 9. Turtle Bay, Gramercy Park: 15.69
- 10. Turtle Bay, Chelsea: 14.41

State of the Union: Optimistic pablum

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President Barack Obama's State of the Union speech on Tuesday was, as many have pointed out, full of bombastic campaign rhetoric — which makes total sense, as that's pretty much the point. Obama did say a lot of stuff worthy of support: Talk of tax reform and education investment is a step in the right direction. Of course, any initiative more ambitious than a routine debt limit authorization may have significant trouble getting through Congress, but it's nice to pretend. Speaking of pretend, we fact check the president:

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► President Barack Obama spoke for the rights of the 99 percent, but is his rhetoric an assortment of impossibly empty promises?

► **Military analogy.** Obama bookends his policy proposals and congressional critiques with a glorification of American military efficiency. Praising advancement in the U.S. war on terror, Obama lauds the “courage, selflessness, and teamwork of America's armed forces,” saying civilians could benefit “if we followed their example.” **Reality:** U.S. citizens are not members of an elite fighting unit. Cooperation is nice, but it's insane to project our rigid, hierarchical military structure onto a democracy where everyone has a right to individuality. Obama also overstates gains in Afghanistan and Iraq, where historic sectarian divisions threaten to put the lie to trillions in wasteful military expenditures.

► **Financial industry.** The president claims to have put “in place new rules to hold Wall Street accountable, so a crisis like that never happens

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again.” And later says he “will not go back to the days when Wall Street was allowed to play by its own set of rules.” **Reality:** Legislators have not gone nearly far enough to ensure that we don't suffer another financial crisis down the line. This shouldn't be terribly surprising due to a deadly pair of conditions: the disinclination among most politicians to upset the apple cart and legislate against the interests of their Wall Street donors; and, perhaps more inflammatory, the irrational trust bestowed upon financial industry veterans — who, under Obama as under previous presidents, hold high advisory roles allowing them to manipulate reform law. (The much-

ballyhooed Dodd-Frank legislation naturally ignores the structural causes of 2008's collapse.)

► **Deficit reduction.** “When it comes to the deficit, we've already agreed to more than \$2 trillion in cuts and savings. But we need to do more.” **Reality:** Contrary to the Tea Party push to “cut, cut, cut,” most influential economists agree that spending is the sure path toward growth. The president weakens his ability to fix the economy when he repeats the unfactual rhetoric of the right. Think of government spending as a student loan for the betterment of America's future: Students must take on debt to increase their earning potential; later, after putting loan monies to good use, they will be in a position to pay down that debt. Government needs to provide more stimulus to create jobs and prosperity. Once that is achieved, we can safely deal with the debt issue.



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The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Ricky Gervais is celebrating his fans, Victoria Beckham is snacking, Joan Rivers is not a great audience member and Denis Leary is not optimistic about relationships.

@rickygervais: For my 2000th tweet, I give you my favourite ever quote from a "fan" "I used to love Ricky Gervais, but he ruined Extras for me" Amazing.

@victoriabeckham: I'm addicted to kale!! wash, break into small pieces, sprinkle a little salt and roast, it's so good and amazing for u!!!

@Joan_Rivers: Cooper's 10 year-old friend Russell tries to do stand-up comedy so I do what any loving, supportive Grandma would do: I heckle the kid.

@denisleary: Man marries dead girlfriend. I give it 3 weeks before she says "you seem so distant."



Beckham



Get better soon, Demi!

Moore enters rehab

Demi Moore has entered rehab after being rushed to the hospital Monday night for an alleged prescription pill overdose, according to TMZ. Despite a frantic 911 call and an ambulance dispatched to Moore's home, the actress' reps insist Moore's trip to rehab is for "exhaustion" and nothing more. "Because of the stresses in her life right now, Demi has chosen to seek professional assistance to treat her exhaustion and improve her overall health," her reps say in a statement. "She looks forward to getting well and is grateful for the support of her family and friends."

Radar Online reports that actually, Moore had a seizure

before she was rushed to the hospital and is now being treated "for anorexia, as well as other issues," a source told the site.

Meanwhile, on the same night she had her breakdown, her estranged husband, **Ashton Kutcher**, was seen partying with a bevy of beauties at a **Bruno Mars** concert in Brazil.

It's interesting, isn't it? We spend a lot of time (and editorial space) idolizing these celebrities. We're green-eyed about their wealth, beauty and success. But whoa — when they crash, they really crash. We might not be as thin or as rich, but things also don't seem to implode as spectacularly. And really, Demi. Don't let this Ashton mess bring you down. You can — and will — do better.



The ring!

Britney is a free woman?

Britney Spears and fiancé **Jason Trawick** are reportedly planning to get married on Valentine's Day in Maui, according to Holliscope. And just in time for her to tie the knot, Spears' dad is reportedly ready to end his conservatorship, which has him in control of decisions affecting her personal and professional life. "Jamie wants to go to court in early February so Britney will be a free woman in every sense when she marries," a source says, though some predict that the conservatorship will remain in effect for her business affairs.

Let's hope things continue on a steady upward climb for Spears. That conservatorship was the best thing to ever happen to her — mentally and professionally.

Talking points

Behind Klum's divorce decision

Heidi Klum's decision to separate from husband **Seal** was apparently motivated by wanting to escape his "diva" behavior, according to Hollywood Life. "Heidi's first priority has always been her marriage, but she felt like Seal wasn't meeting her halfway," a source says. "She had to take drastic measures to show Seal she wouldn't put up with his behavior anymore. Raising happy and healthy kids is now her No. 1 priority." The source adds that di-



► Chastain received a standing ovation for her Oscar nom.

vorice might not actually be inevitable at this point. "I could see Heidi threatening Seal with a divorce because he thought she would never do such a thing," the source says. "This may push Seal to finally get the help he needs to

deal with his temper in a more constructive manner."

Chastain's fashion faux pas?

Jessica Chastain made a bit of a

fashion faux pas when she answered her mobile phone during the Armani Prive show at Paris Fashion Week, but she had a very good reason: The 30-year-old actress was receiving word of her Oscar nomination for her role in "The Help." When word spread, her fellow attendees — including **Cameron Diaz**, **Colin Firth's** wife **Livia** and Vogue Italia Editor-in-Chief **Franca Sozzani** — gave Chastain a standing ovation.

Paradis addresses break-up rumors

During an interview with French TV show "Le Grand Journal," **Vanessa Paradis** addressed — in a way — the rumors about her

relationship with **Johnny Depp** being on the rocks. "They are all false," she says of rumors about her relationship in general. "Here, this is one [that] could hurt my family. After that ... they say that we have 52 houses in France, we separate in winter, we get married every summer. Me, I'm in my 12th pregnancy."

Dunst's new man

Kirsten Dunst didn't shy away from the public displays of affection with new boyfriend **Garrett Hedlund** while hanging out at the Sundance Film Festival this week, according to People magazine. "Kirsten and Garrett have been spending time together since the holidays," a source says.



There's nothing else going on in Hollywood besides being in Utah

1. While at Sundance, **Lil Jon** and skateboarder **The Dingo** showed up at the Oakley party at Hyde Lounge on Sunday in Park City, Utah.

2. **Stan Lee** and **Gene Simmons** showed off a "Kiss Classics" comic book at Canyons Grand Summit Resort on Tuesday in Park City, Utah.

3. **Michael Fitzpatrick** of Fitz and the Tantrums performed during the "SPIN Sessions" event presented by Bing on Monday at Sundance.

4. **Christina Hendricks** popped up at Day 4 of Nintendo 3DS Experience Lounge on Monday in Park City.

5. Comedian **Chris Rock** attended the Bing Speakers Series with the cast of "2 Days in New York" at The Bing Bar on Tuesday in Park City.

6. **Kirsten Dunst** hit up the "Bachelorette" after-party on Monday during Sundance.

7. **Anthony Mackie** looked super adorable at the SAGIndie Actors Only brunch during the film festival on Sunday in Park City.

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10 Reasons to hit the movies

2 'Man on a Ledge'

An ex-con (Sam Worthington) takes to the ledge of a Manhattan high-rise, claiming he was framed for a diamond heist. While a hostage negotiator (Elizabeth Banks) tries to talk him down, it becomes clear that ulterior motives are at work.

3 'One for the Money'

The only thing funnier than Katherine Heigl starring in a new rom-com as an unlikely bounty hunter is the fact that she wants back in on "Grey's Anatomy."

4 'Haywire'

Though he's known for occasionally producing headier fare, Steven Soderbergh knocks out one heck of an action film when he wants to. This time, he places mixed-martial arts fighter Gina Carano in the center of an international assassination plot in which she, the contract killer, becomes the scapegoat for

the crime.

5 'Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close'

This 9/11 weeper won't leave many an eye dry, especially with Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock playing the parents of a precocious pre-teen, searching through the whole of New York City for a solution to a riddle.

6 'Red Tails'

The Tuskegee Airmen — the first African American troop of fighter pilots in World War II — haven't had their due feature film treatment until now, with George Lucas at the helm and Cuba Gooding Jr., Terrence Howard and Ne-Yo starring.

7 'Underworld: Awakening'

Kate Beckinsale reprises her role as lethal vampire queen Selene, hell-bent on fighting off the mortals that wage war on the vampire and lycan clans.

8 'Contraband'

A reformed bad boy (Mark Wahlberg) gets pulled back into the world of international cargo ship smuggling after his brother-in-law gets caught up with a sinister drug dealer (Giovanni Ribisi).

9 'The Iron Lady'

Meryl Streep is flawless at everything she does, and her turn as one of Britain's most controversial prime ministers, Margaret Thatcher, is predictably admirable. Told in flashbacks over the course of three days in Thatcher's later years, the film touches on the highs and lows of her reign in the 1980s.

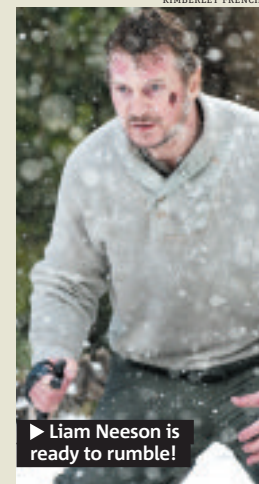
10 'Beauty and the Beast' 3-D

After the successful conversion of "The Lion King" to 3-D, another animated classic from Disney is getting refreshed for 2012.

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Must-see

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► Liam Neeson is ready to rumble!

'The Grey'

Liam Neeson has been killing it with the action movies in the last few years, and his latest — a thriller about a group of unfortunate plane crash survivors stranded in rural Alaskan territory — promises to be as fittingly chilling.

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Get started

▶ **Pile on the accessories:** Chunky bracelets, cute chains and rings galore can add edge and personality to even a boring corporate suit.
1. La Mer Black and Gold Pyramid Wrap Watch, \$110, www.lamercollections.com

▶ **Swap jeans for pants:** Pantone did declare "Tangerine Tango" as the color of the year.
2. H&M orange pants, \$50, www.handm.com Even if you tuck in an old T-shirt with these, you'll still look presentable.
3. Jenni Kayne pleated pants, \$270, www.shopbop.com

▶ **Dresses aren't just for nights out:** Get double-duty out of your fancy numbers by dressing them down with flats or boots and a cardigan for work.
4. Zara dress with elasticated waist, \$60, www.zara.com
▶ **Step up the footwear:** A word about braving heels:

It's perfectly respectable to wear flats and change at your desk. And platform heels are a comfier option.
5. SHOWCASE2 double platforms, \$124, www.topshop.com If you're still not convinced, at least get some interesting flats.
6. Manney Camel Spot slippers, \$60, www.topshop.com

TV watch list



▶ Don Rickles, left, and host David Steinberg talk shop on "Inside Comedy."

'Inside Comedy'

COMEDY. Comedian David Steinberg has the respect of his colleagues to get serious for a moment — just a moment — and chat about their craft in this enlightening new talk series. But don't worry, comedy fans — there are plenty of laughs, too. How can there not be with the likes of Jerry Seinfeld and Don Rickles in tonight's premiere? **Series premiere, 11 p.m., Showtime**

cameras. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Food Network**

'Parks and Recreation'

COMEDY. Leslie has laser-like focus when it comes to securing votes. And by that we mean she's so determined to win over Pawnee constituents, she throws a bowling party to woo just one guy. **8:30 p.m., NBC**

'Jersey Shore'

REALITY. The girls head to Staten Island to kidnap Vinny. Maybe they should ask those Staten Island "Mob Wives" for tips? **10 p.m., MTV**
● **AMBER RAY**

'Fat Chef'

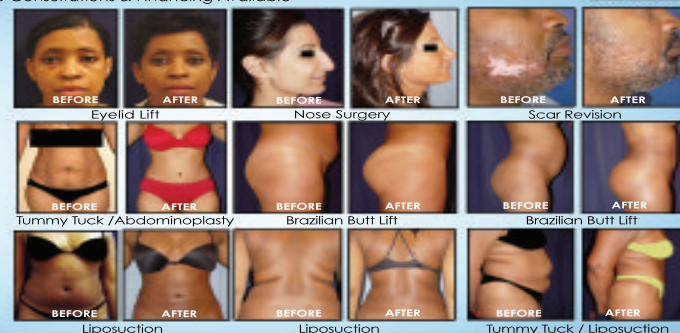
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- I love you Officer D! <3 always Moll-Doll
- L. J. — Being with u completed me in every way. I miss you. A.C.
- Piggy — i call you piggy bc you're pretty in pink. But your heart is pure gold. Love you shann. JonA
- Hahnybun, you complete me! <3 Your Rose
- BG, From SF to NYC I love thee tremendously — KV
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'Happy Valentine's! Love, Jon Hamm'

The minute those Christmas decorations come down, inevitably, the Valentine's Day hearts and cupids go up. Singletons surely dread it, but there's a way to cheer up them and/or the "Mad Men" fetishist in your life.

JD Beebe designed the "Hamm-o-gram" "to make anyone lonely on Valentine's Day forget about their moody blues." For five dollars, you can have a personalized card — not an e-card — picturing "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm, mailed to a soon-to-be deliriously grateful recipient.

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like my silly projects to do some good. In an effort to be philanthropic and not get sued by the Hamm brigade, I chose A Caring Hand (for bereaved children and families) as a charity partner. This was simply because Mr. Hamm actually lost his parents at a young age, and since I couldn't find any

charities that he himself donated to I wanted to make it personal enough that he might see the good in it."

Everyone wins with the Hamm-o-gram. Could Charlie Day Chocolates be next?

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Kidding around

- It's winter and the kids are bored ► Metro shares the best local ways to keep your children happy
- Tips for where to take the wee ones

Listings



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► Introduce your kids to Alexander Calder's seminal work, "Calder's Circus," through family-friendly activities at the Whitney.

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This interactive tour explains each job at the MTA — from what each worker does and how their role is important in keeping the subway safe.

Junior Engineer: Dig it
Feb. 18-19, 1:30 p.m.
Transit Museum
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Art

Discover 'Calder's Circus'

Feb. 11, 12:30-3 p.m.
Whitney Museum of American Art
945 Madison Ave.
212-570-3600
www.whitney.org
Introduce your children to "Calder's Circus," one of the Whitney's most beloved artworks. With the price of admission, families can stop by to explore this early example of performance art and work with museum educators to make their own wire creations.

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Did you know that various archaeological treasures were discovered during the construction of the subway tunnel system? At this exhibit, your family can dig up various replicas of these artifacts from the museum's

pretend excavation site.

Start with Art

Thursdays to Sundays, various times
The Met, 1000 Fifth Ave.
212-923-3700
www.metmuseum.org
Families can explore and learn about art at the Met through the family-friendly Start with Art program, where children can try their hand at sketching their own art work, listen to stories about the Met's collection and discover the true meaning of art. This program is geared to children age three to seven and their parents or caregivers.

CREATIVE

Chinese Lantern Installation
Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Children's Museum of the Arts
103 Charlton St., New York
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► The Brooklyn Children's Museum has something for kids of all ages.

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their finished work will be put on display, creating an installation of lanterns.

Comics for Kids: Workshop with George O'Connor
Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m.
WORD
126 Franklin St., Brooklyn
Free, 718-383-0096
www.wordbrooklyn.com
Author/illustrator George O'Connor (his most recent work is "Hera: The Goddess and her Glory") will give a presentation and lead a hands-on workshop for kids on creating comics at this special event.

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Chinatown's Lunar New Year Parade
Sunday, 1 p.m.
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EVENTS

The African American Musical Mosaic
Feb. 18, noon to 6 p.m.
American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, Free with admission
212-769-5315
www.amnh.org
Celebrate African-American History Month with a day of family-friendly activities and live musical performances with such notable acts such as the Harlem Quartet, Sandra Reaves-Phillips, and IMPACT Repertory Theatre (the choir who performed "Raise it Up" from the film "August Rush" at the Oscars). The day ends with a special concert by Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, co-founder of the hip-hop group Run-DMC.

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- Don't let a nasty sunburn ruin your time away



1 Julbo Bubble sunglasses
It's a good idea to protect your toddler's eyes from the sun's harsh rays with shades — if you can get them to keep them on, that is. Don't scrimp and buy cheap supermarket sunglasses. The kids' glasses made by sports eyewear



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Reality programs ignore crucial demo

RE: "EMILY MAYNARD IS THE CHOSEN 'BACHELORETTE'": I'm so happy you have addressed some issues with "The Bachelor"/"Bachelorette." As an African-American woman, it is disheartening to know that my ethnic background isn't suited to be represented on this show. We have the same wants and desires as anyone else. The only shows we are given are "Flavor of Love" and "Chad Ochocino."

CANDICE A. SMILEY, VIA E-MAIL

Gingrich: Ghost of Congress past

Newt Gingrich is haunting like Jacob Marley's ghost — a specter raised from the dead shackled to and dragging around the chain he forged in life: an ignominious \$300,000 fine by a Republican Congress

for ethics violations, an embittered ex-wife with possible toxic marital secrets, a dubious role in the disastrous housing collapse and a heavy, clamorous trail of loose-cannon shells waiting to explode.

GLENN HAYES, KEW GARDENS

"Dems seem to be unforgiving and unaccepting unless it is your own deviants at work."

RE: "CONSERVATIVES HAVE POISONED POLITICS": Please note, Mr. LaRosa and the other writer who hates Mr. Gingrich, that at least Newt was man enough to ask his wife for an "open marriage" — unlike our President Clinton and candidate Mr. Edwards, who also served his wife divorce

papers while she was undergoing breast cancer treatment. Dems seem to be unforgiving and unaccepting unless it is their own deviants at work. Also, I notice that Metro seems to be OK with the liberals going far beyond their requested 100-word maximum word submissions; they, too, seem to be more accepting of the liberal viewpoint. Furthermore Mr. LaRosa, you have the three stooges in office at this time: Obama, Biden and Pelosi.

JOHN ARSLANIAN, VIA E-MAIL

Fact-checking must include some facts

RE: "FACT-CHECKING AMERICA'S FACT CREATORS": While Mr. Simms highlighted specific quotes from each of the Republican candidates and proceeded to call those state-

ments lies, he failed to indicate his version of the truth. He could have told us why we are not headed for a Greece-type collapse. Neither side can win with sound bites. Hard facts are required for truth to be considered.

SKIP NIELSEN, VIA E-MAIL

Please tell me the purpose of the "fact-checking" article in today's Metro. I hate to tell you, but just saying "he lied" or "that's wrong" does not prove that anyone is lying. How about some facts to contradict the garbage the GOP candidates are spouting?

ANDY NELSON, VIA E-MAIL

Will you do any fact-checking on our president's State of the Union address? Treat both sides fairly.

PETER MOL, VIA E-MAIL

Metro's promoted that nitwit social pigmy, Brayden Simms, to be its political analysis. Metro is wholly committed to biased political commentary to the point of being corrupt.

JOHN BOVINSKI, MANAYUNK

Horoscope

♊ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Unfortunately, you're not suited for the role of being a borrower or a lender. Putting yourself in either position could put you behind the eight ball.

♋ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Even though you might solicit advice from several people, it isn't likely you will follow anyone's suggestions. You'll still erroneously do things as you initially intended.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Be both realistic and sensible about any of your physical limitations. For example: If you attempt to lift something that is far too heavy, you'll suffer the consequences.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Unless you're careful about how you conduct yourself when mixing with society, you'll be in way over your head. A slip of the tongue will get blown out of proportion.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't take your luck for granted when the stakes are higher than usual. Chances are you'll miscalculate and take others down with you when it's time to pay the piper.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Even if you've done something that is considered to be quite outstanding, subdued temptation to boast about it. Praise will sound a lot better coming from an impressed observer.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There are a lot of sticky fingers out there, so be extra watchful of your possessions — especially the stuff you keep in your car. Don't walk away.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your thinking about a personal situation is apt to be right on the money, but that doesn't mean you can make judgment calls for others. You could be way off track.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** In situations where you are hoping to get more in return than you put out, you're likely to be greatly disappointed. There are no free rides in this economy.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When invited to a social gathering at a friend's house, don't overstay your visit. Even if you're one of the late arrivals, be sure you're among those who know when to leave.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Guard against a strong inclination to blame a mistake that you make on another who was trying to help you out.

Avoid at all costs doing anything that could make your friend feel used and unappreciated.

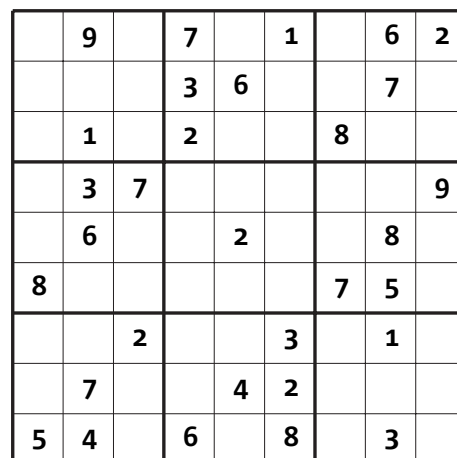
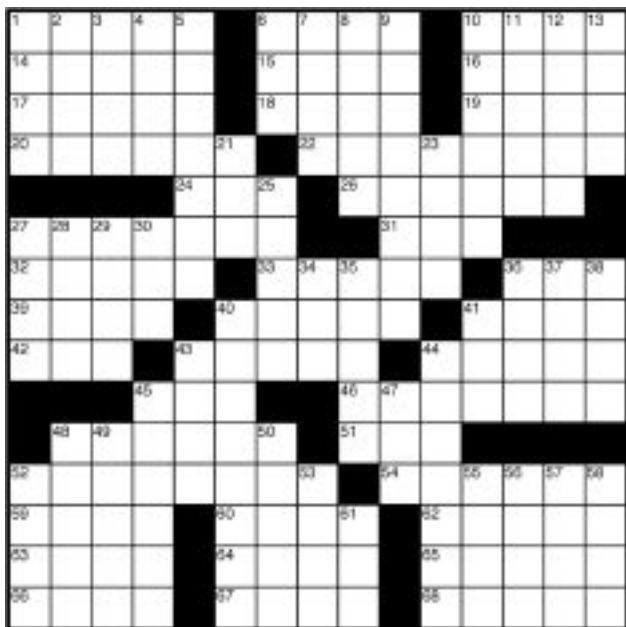
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be smart and refrain from entering into a conversation with a friend who feels just as strongly about his or her opposing point of view as you do about yours. Both parties would lose out. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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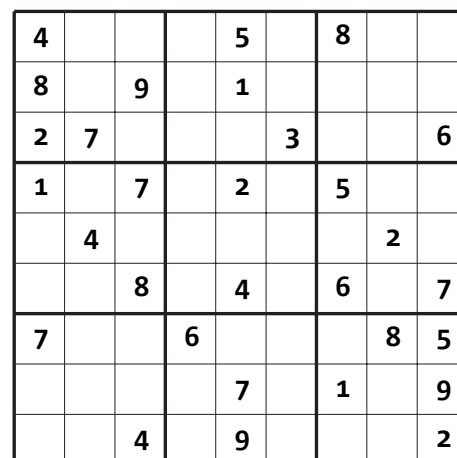


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- New York drag artists are stiff competition in Season 4 of 'RuPaul's Drag Race'
 ► The host's advice for getting into the scene ► Top picks for drag cabaret in NYC

IF YOU CAN FAKE IT HERE, YOU CAN FAKE IT ANYWHERE

New York City, meet the A-Rod and David Wright of the drag world.

Hometown heroines Dwayne Milan and Jiggly Caliente bring out the bats (er, strike that) on Season 4 of "RuPaul's Drag Race," in which drag artists compete for a \$100,000 prize and the title of America's Next Drag Superstar.

RuPaul, chatting with us at last week's premiere party at the Patricia Field boutique, called them fierce, New York-style competitors. "If you've ever taken the A train, you know that you have to fight to get uptown. These kids come into the race with that power and knowledge."

Milan, a veteran of the downtown club scene and former ensemble member of Broadway's "Hairspray," is a sleek, polished performer. Queens-raised Caliente, Miss

Quoted

"There's a real toughness to it that some people may think of as abrasive — but, you know, that's New York."

RUPAUL

You better work

Tune in to Season 4 of "RuPaul's Drag Race" on Logo on Jan. 30 at 9 p.m. to cheer on our girls.



Universe Latina Plus 2009, says she's "a pretty laid-back chick — but push me to the wall, and I will attack you like a rabid beast."

RuPaul describes the New York drag scene as "gritty with a wink." "There's a real toughness to it that some people may think of as abrasive — but, you know, that's New York." Looking to get into the scene? Ru advises: "Put your ear to the concrete and find out what's happening. ... There's always something popping up that didn't even exist last week."

And if you'd rather observe than participate, check out Caliente and Milan, who will be perform Wednesday nights at the Hot Mess show at XL, hosted by Wigstock founder Lady Bunny and Bianca Del Rio, starting Feb. 8.

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Skrillex

Tuesday, 11 p.m.

Webster Hall, 125 E. 11th St.

\$45, 212-353-1600

Last year, alongside such musical artists as James Blake, The Weeknd and SBTRKT, DJ/producer Skrillex (aka Sonny Moore) helped propel the beat-driven sound of dubstep — and its genre-based derivations — into the mainstream consciousness. With his proper full-length debut “Voltage” scheduled for this year, Skrillex is bringing more metal-esque aggression to Webster Hall.

COMMUNITY

Ask Roulette

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Housing Works Bookstore Cafe
126 Crosby St.

Free, 212-334-3324

The House Works Bookstore Cafe welcomes David Carr of “The New York Times,” Starlee Kine of “This American Life” and Kurt Braunohler of Hot Tub Comedy as they host a night where



► The Cloisters offers plenty for the chess-playing aficionado with “The Game of Kings: Medieval Ivory Chessmen From the Isle of Lewis.”

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attendees get to play psychiatrist, asking complete strangers any question they want with the pretext of getting an honest answer. The catch is, you have to answer a question to get permission to ask one.

BOOKS

“Treasure Island!!!”

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Word, 126 Franklin St.

Free, 718-383-0096

Catered with rum punch and the possible appearance of parrots, Word bookstore welcomes Chicago-based writer Sara Levine as she reads from her de-

but novel “Treasure Island!!!” It’s an imaginative farce about a stagnant college graduate who, after reading Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic novel, redesigns her outlook on life based on the book’s core values.

EXHIBIT

‘The Game of Kings: Medieval Ivory Chessmen From the Isle of Lewis’

Through April 22

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‘Bring On the Lumiere!’

Tonight through Jan. 28, 7:30

Joyce SoHo, 155 Mercer St.

\$12-\$20, 212-242-0800

This multimedia production follows the Lumiere Brothers, the French founders of cinema, as they find themselves trapped inside their own historic films.

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Amanda Beame,
Bobwhite Lunch
& Supper Counter

Hot chef

Contrary to what you might think, there is no “Bob White” behind Bobwhite Lunch & Supper Counter (a Bobwhite is a type of quail). But there is an Amanda Beame. The 26-year-old Culinary Institute grad serves Southern comfort foods like fried chicken, grits and black-eyed peas at the just-opened counter spot.

Considering how eco-conscious the menu is (all dishes are sourced locally and prepared with humanely raised ingredients whenever possible), it’s a wonder that you can pick up a whole feast — we’re talking chicken, biscuits, sides and dessert — for about \$25. Your taste buds and wallet will be glad you dined there.

Did you always know you wanted to be a chef?

Yes. I started cooking really young at home, mostly because my mother wasn’t the best cook. [Laughs] She was really good at picking out delicious foods and taking us to great



► Beame

Q&A

Were you always interested in Southern food?

Yes. My interest lies in foods that people like to eat at home across the world, so Southern food is just one of those American foods that people eat at home. I’ve spent a lot of time in the South driving around, doing road trips, going to Southern restaurants and really getting to know their food. Cooking it makes me feel at home.

restaurants — but when it came to making food at home, she wasn’t so good. I decided that I wanted to eat good food so I started cooking at home. I went to the University of Florida and left for a little while to pursue cooking, but decided to come back and finish my degree. I dabbled in maybe law school and maybe pursuing a career with my psychology degree, but ultimately cooking won out because it was where the passion was for me.

Were you ever intimidated being a young chef in New York?

Slightly, but I don’t think that I would bite off more than I could chew. Everything’s going really smoothly and I’m really happy with the progress that we’re making.

How did you meet Bobwhite’s owner, Keedick Coulter?

I actually found him on Craigslist. Your dreams can come true on Craigslist! [Laughs] I responded to his ad and we met. The site wasn’t complete and I wanted him to have a tasting of my food, so I invited him up to the Culinary Institute of America to have a tasting. Then it was set.

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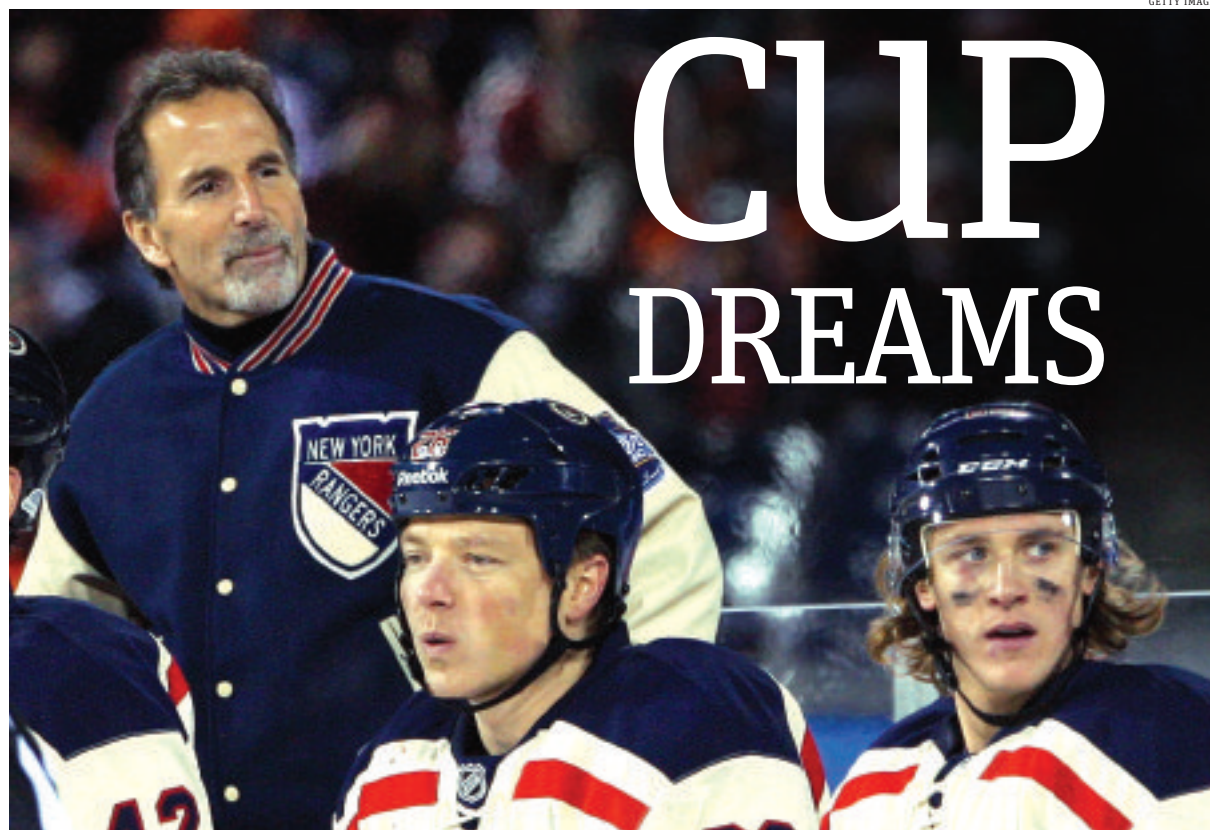
**Mara injured**

Ann Mara, widow of former Giants owner Wellington Mara apparently broke her shoulder returning from Sunday's NFC championship win.

Mara, who chastised FOX host Terry Bradshaw live during the award ceremony, was reported as probable for the Super Bowl by her son and Giants co-owner John Mara.

Ann's granddaughter, Rooney, was nominated for an Oscar Tuesday as well.

- ▶ New York Rangers lead the Eastern Conference standings at the season's halfway point
- ▶ Are they watching the Giants' playoff run, feeling any Stanley Cup similarities?
- ▶ Balanced offense, All-Star goalie Henrik Lundqvist lead way into the break



CUP DREAMS

**Balanced attack**

One good sign for the Rangers is their balanced offense. Despite having the fourth-leading scorer in the league, Marian Gaborik, 14 of their 20 skaters have more than 10 points. Post-lockout Stanley Cup winners have averaged 9.6 double-digit scorers. Top-heavy teams need not apply:

- ▶ 2005-06 Carolina Hurricanes 10 players (in double digits)
- ▶ 2006-07 Anaheim Ducks 9 players (in double digits)
- ▶ 2007-08 Detroit Red Wings 10 players (in double digits)
- ▶ 2008-09 Pittsburgh Penguins 8 players (in double digits)
- ▶ 2009-10 Chicago Blackhawks 9 players (in double digits)
- ▶ 2010-11 Boston Bruins 12 players (in double digits)

ON TV SUNDAY

NHL All-Star Game
4 p.m., NBC



"They say there's no better place in the world to win than New York."

BRANDON DUBINSKY,
RANGERS FORWARD

The question posed to Rangers forward Brandon Dubinsky was simple and yet complex.

Does he see the Giants' success and allow himself to think what the city's reaction would be if the franchise experienced its first extended playoff run since 1997?

"Yeah, you daydream about it," Dubinsky said after the Rangers defeated Winnipeg Tuesday night. "When you open your eyes and come back to reality, you realize how

much work there is left to get done.

"You certainly see the excitement level and that makes you come to the rink, whether it's practice or a game and work that much harder. Without looking ahead, it's certainly something that's exciting to look at.

"Talk to guys who have won here, guys from '94, guys from other sports that have won championships here. The city just goes crazy. It's something that's exciting," Dubinsky added.

Tuesday's match was the Rangers' last before All-Star Weekend, which is marketed by the league as a celebration of the game. Still once the break concludes, the serious business of hockey will recommence. With 35 games remain-

ing, the Rangers lead the Eastern Conference with a 31-12-4 record.

Their 23-9-2 conference record is second only to Boston, and their 7-3-2 record against the West is fourth best in the Eastern Conference.

"We're just trying to play," head coach John Tortorella said. "We're trying to play the right way, home or away."

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Rocky ride to Top

► Former Jets backup Erik Ainge has seen ups and downs of sports career
 ► Volunteer back in college town doing radio ► And sober for 18 months

Erik Ainge has found his calling. The irony is that it has everything to do with taking calls.

Now host of his own sports radio show based out of Knoxville, Tenn., Ainge has turned his back on the drug and alcohol abuse that marked not only his NFL career, but also his formative years.

Ainge, a fifth-round pick in 2008, spent three seasons with the Jets, primarily as a backup. He came to New York best known as the nephew of former NBA star Danny Ainge, but his selection in the NFL draft was justified by an impressive college résumé at Tennessee.

The success he experienced in Knoxville, including throwing seven touchdowns in a 52-50 win over Kentucky in 2007 and winning the Outback Bowl as a senior, didn't follow to the

NFL. Ainge never stepped foot on the field for a regular season game during his three seasons with New York.

In June 2010, Ainge checked into rehab while still a member

of the team and never put on a helmet and pads again.

"I still think about it every day; it doesn't run my life. I'm not constantly sitting there, not trying to screw up," Ainge said.

Ainge on the air



Ainge hosts a morning drive program on the Tennessee Sports Radio Network.

- He's already had former coach Rex Ryan as a guest and hopes to be a color commentator for SEC football.
- "It's not a surprise he's having the success he's having. Erik would be a natural on the air," former teammate Kevin O'Connell said. O'Connell was part of the Jets' practice squad during the 2010 season and is now the Jets No. 3 quarterback. "He's got that natural ability for it."
- "[I say] more than just what is wrong or what is right, I try to analyze it," Ainge says of his program.

"That's something I don't want to do again. The reason I got so bad off on drugs — it started from an injury. With my bipolar disorder, I was so depressed, I was so unhappy, it seemed like the only way to fix it. I'm a happy guy now."

"Getting to the point where you're not a self-loathing person and don't hate yourself as a person, that's the hard part."

There were times he wasn't sure he would make it, overcoming a dependency on painkillers and drug and alcohol abuse that dates back to middle school.

"Once I became a New York Jet, I became complacent," Ainge said. "You can't fake desire. ... You either want it or you don't. I didn't want it."

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► Ainge never played in a regular season game for the Jets.

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